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From: Randall Beach [rbeach8@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2009 2:03 PM
To: Friis, John
Subject: Saving ECA

Dear Mr. Friis:

We are the parents of two students at Educational Center for the Arts in New Haven. They are thriving in the creative writing program, thanks to the wonderful instructors. We believe this invaluable experience will help our daughters in their careers.

Thus we are deeply concerned about the proposal to require that all part-time instructors in the state become certified. This misguided idea would deprive ECA of its specialized and trained core teachers who are the key ingredient in the school's 35-year record of success.

These teachers have already incurred significant time and expense attaining their advanced degrees and are concurrently teaching at colleges such as Wesleyan and Yale. They simply could not afford to incur the additional time and expense needed to become certified. If this idea is adopted, these teachers would be forced to leave their jobs at ECA. Moreover, there would not be enough teachers available who would be certified and practicing professional artists with college teaching experience. The end result: ECA would be shut down. Does anybody want this to happen?

For the sake of our kids and future generations, please do not allow this to occur. We ask you to support House Bill 6666, Section 5.

Sincerely,
Randall Beach
Jennifer Kaylin
New Haven

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